

Student-Employer Engagement (SEED) Session

Volunteer Descriptions

Project Background

Ontario's forest sector is facing a significant labour shortage. Across the province, it is recognized that engaging students and promoting employment and career opportunities is critical to the long-term viability of sector – from forest management planning to forest operations, from research and innovation to manufacturing.

On February 16, 2023 students in forestry and forestry-related programs will join employers at Forests Ontario's annual **Student-Employer Engagement (SEED)** Session. SEED brings together students, recent graduates, and representatives from organizations and companies within the forest sector in a virtual environment to discuss employment opportunities and in demand skills.

Prior to the session, Forests Ontario will circulate two surveys – one specific to students, the other to employers. The surveys will collect information on student perspectives (e.g., work areas of interests, considerations when applying for/accepting employment including salary, cost of living, location) and obtain an overview of employment opportunities and desired skills from participating organizations. Survey results will be summarized and shared at SEED.

Overview of Volunteer Roles

As part of the SEED session there will be three primary volunteer roles available: Survey Analysis, Presentation Moderator, Student Representative. The duties of each role are described below:

Survey Analysis: In this role volunteer(s) will summarize pre-session survey results from the student and employer surveys. Volunteer(s) may also support the formatting of survey data from Excel to Word format. Preference will be given to volunteers with experience using data science languages (i.e., R, Python).

Presentation Moderator: In this role volunteer(s) will introduce SEED session speakers using provided biographies. Volunteers must have access to an internet enabled computer, microphone and camera for this role. One Presentation Moderator is needed per speaker.

Student Representative: In this role volunteer(s) will help promote SEED session registration and survey links with peers at their school.

Contact

For more information about any of the listed volunteer roles please contact Allison Hands at ahands@forestsontario.ca.